

## **STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC IMPACT TO SMALL BUSINESSES**

**1. Name of Board, Committee or Council:** Council for Licensing Hearing Instrument Specialists

**2. Rulemaking hearing date:** August 17, 2006

**3. Types of small businesses that will be directly affected by the proposed rules:**

- (a) Unlicensed hearing instrument specialists who are seeking licensure and intend to be sole proprietors; and
- (b) Licensed hearing instrument specialists, audiologists, and otolaryngologists who employ or seek to employ apprentice hearing instrument specialists or licensed hearing instrument specialists

**4. Types of small businesses that will bear the cost of the proposed rules:**

The Council anticipates the proposed rule amendments will reduce, rather than increase, small business expenses.

**5. Types of small businesses that will directly benefit from the proposed rules:**

- (a) Unlicensed hearing instrument specialists who are seeking licensure and intend to be sole proprietors; and
- (b) Licensed hearing instrument specialists, audiologists, and otolaryngologists who employ or seek to employ apprentice hearing instrument specialists or licensed hearing instrument specialists

**6. Description of how small business will be adversely impacted by the proposed rules:**

The Council anticipates the proposed rule amendments will favorably, rather than adversely, impact small businesses.

**7. Alternatives to the proposed rule that will accomplish the same objectives but are less burdensome, and why they are not being proposed:**

The Council does not believe there are less burdensome alternatives because the intent of the proposed rule amendments is precisely that.

**8. Comparison of the proposed rule with federal or state counterparts:**

The Council is not aware of any federal counterparts. The proposed rule amendments are similar to current or proposed state rules for most of the health-related licensing boards, committees, and councils.